

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the township of Warminster, Pennsylvania, upon the celebration of its 300th anniversary.

The township derives its name from the town of Warminster, in Wiltshire, England. Warminster is the twin township of Southampton, Pennsylvania, which lies immediately southeast and adjoining. It is also bounded by the townships of Northampton, Warwick, and Warrington, all of which lie in my Congressional district, the 8th District of Pennsylvania. To this day, Warminster has the same limits as when originally laid out, with an area of over six thousand and ninety-nine acres.

Warminster was one of the earliest townships settled in America, with roots tracing all the way back to the 17th century. John Hart and John Rush were among the most prominent early settlers in Warminster, both arriving shortly after William Penn in the latter part of the 17th century. Combined, Hart and Rush owned over one thousand acres of land in the Warminster area. They, along with many other early settlers and statesman, helped to foster growth in Warminster by aiding in road and church construction, and farm development, thus laying the groundwork for the beautiful township of Warminster.

Many years later, Warminster became a refuge for American soldiers during the Revolutionary War, at the battle of Crooked Billet. In the skirmish action, British forces launched a surprise attack against Brigadier General John Lacey and three regiments of Pennsylvania militia, forcing them to retreat into the farms in Warminster.

During the wake of WWII, Warminster also became the home of one of the largest naval modification units in the area. At the Naval Air Development Center in Johnsville, large quantities of aircraft parts were modified for use in the war, and progress was made on the development of guided missiles. The NADC also played a critical role in training mercury astronauts and establishing the United States as the world leader in technology and space exploration. During the cold war era, the NADC employed over 2600 people, including 1600 scientists and engineers, and 300 members of the military.

With such a rich history, it is clear that Warminster Township deserves much recognition and praise. I am honored to represent the people of Warminster Township, and wish them all the best on this momentous occasion.

LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, YASHAR ALIYEV

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, as co-chairmen of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, Congressman BILL SHUSTER of Pennsylvania and I would like to bring a letter to the attention of our House colleagues that we received from the Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Yashar Aliyev.

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Washington, DC.

Hon. DAN BOREN,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BOREN, I am writing to express my concerns of the reports that on September 13, 2011 the so-called "Office of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic in the USA", the Embassy of Armenia to the United States and major Armenian-American organizations are organizing event on the premises of the U.S. Congress, dedicated to the so-called "20th Anniversary of Independence of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic". According to the news reports Mr. Ashot Ghulian, who presents himself as the "Chairman of the NKR Parliament", will be visiting Washington D.C. and will be the keynote speaker at the event.

In this regard, I draw your attention to the fact that so-called "Nagorno-Karabakh Republic" is a self-proclaimed entity created on the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, supported by Armenia and essentially is under its direction and control. It is entirely unrecognized as such, even by Armenia.

As a result of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict hundreds of thousands of the Azerbaijanis were expelled from the Nagorno-Karabakh region and surrounding territories of Azerbaijan. Four UN Security Council resolutions adopted in 1993 following the armed seizure of Azerbaijani territory reaffirm the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan, demand immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying forces from all occupied regions.

By engaging in public campaigns using the Congress premises the agents of the separatist regime pursue the goal of distracting the attention of the Members of Congress and broad American public from the continued occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan by the Armenian armed forces, accompanied by gross violation of human rights of hundreds of thousands of the Azerbaijani IDPs. Their ultimate goal is to consolidate the occupation of these territories and to prevent return of the displaced Azerbaijani population to their homes and properties from which they were forcibly expelled.

Allowing organization of such activities on American soil encourages the Government of Armenia to hold on to its uncompromised position in peace negotiations and complicates the already difficult settlement

process. Participation of Members of Congress in these events may be qualified as support for the separatist regime and negatively affects the honest broker image of the United States as a Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group tasked to find just and peaceful solution to the conflict.

Azerbaijan is an important strategic partner of the United States. Azerbaijan provides multi-faceted support for U.S. operations in Afghanistan and remains a steadfast supporter of Israel. Our two countries cooperate on counterterrorism and nonproliferation issues. Moreover, Azerbaijan greatly contributes to the energy security of the United States and Europe.

I ask you to refrain from participating in this event that is directed against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a key ally of the United States in the strategic Caspian region and to voice your opposition to using Capitol grounds for such activities.

Sincerely,

YASHAR ALIYEV,
Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

IN RECOGNITION OF NICHOLAS CARL GOTTUSO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Police Captain Nicholas Carl Gottuso, "Nick," for his 32 years of service with the Hillsborough Police Department.

Captain Gottuso began his career in law enforcement in 1976 as a Dispatcher for San Mateo County Communication. In 1980 he was hired by the Pacifica Police Department as a Patrol Officer, where he served for two years. In January 1983 he was hired by the Town of Hillsborough as a Police Office, promoted to Corporal in 1990, Inspector in 1992, Sergeant in 1993, Lieutenant in 1999, Police Commander in 2002 and achieved the rank of Police Captain that same year. During Captain Gottuso's employment with the Hillsborough Police Department, he trained as a Field Training Officer, a Background Investigator, and a Traffic Investigator; and he served as the Head Range master and was responsible for the selection and designation of a standardized firearm, the Beretta 92F.

Captain Gottuso proved to be invaluable to his community as both a field agent and an administrator. He was one of the Founding Commanders of the North Central Regional SWAT Team, served as a Sniper Team Commander and led and participated in dozens of successful operations, many of which led to the capture of criminals and the saving of innocent lives.

As a police captain, Captain Gottuso responded to numerous bank robberies and other active shooter incidents. Time and again, Captain Gottuso put his life on the line for the residents of Hillsborough, and the community will forever be indebted to him for his bravery, selflessness, and competence.

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